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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 27, 2018

To: Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer

From: John Upchurch
Director, Reimbursement Services

Subject: FY 2019 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments

BY FACSIMILE and MAIL

This is notification that the Department will issue interim payments to state-owned and non-state governmental owned hospitals equal to 40% of their SFY2018 DSH payment. It is important to note that this initial payment is an interim estimate only. When a final payment amount has been determined, an additional payment will be issued for the difference between the final payment amount and the initial payment. If the interim payment exceeds the final payment amount, an immediate repayment will be due from the hospital for the excess amount. The Department will be able to proceed with issuing an interim payment only if an intergovernmental transfer (IGT), equal to the matching funds needed to obtain the federal DSH funds, is provided by the hospital authority or other governmental entity with which the hospital is affiliated.

No interim payments can be provided to private hospitals now due to the unavailability of a state matching fund source. The Department requires state appropriations to match available federal DSH funds for private hospitals, so private hospital DSH payments are pending the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly in the amended FY 2019 Appropriations Act.

For the interim payments available to state owned and non-state governmental owned hospitals information about the time schedule, payment amount and intergovernmental transfer is attached. This information will be available within the next week on the Department's web site at www.dch.georgia.gov by selecting options for "Provider," "Provider Types," "Hospital," then "Indigent Care Trust Fund." After Myers and Stauffer has reviewed the as-filed surveys and made any necessary adjustments, a separate notification from Myers & Stauffer will be sent related to your facility's data elements.



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You are encouraged to review your facility's data elements to ensure the Department has accurately recorded your facility's information. If you find an error, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting Judy Hatfield of Myers & Stauffer at (800) 374-6858 or by e-mail at gadsh@mslc.com.

As indicated on the attached schedule, interim payments are scheduled to be released by December 28, 2018. Please note that the required intergovernmental transfer must be received by 12 p.m. on December 10, 2018, for an interim payment to be issued. To assure that the timely receipt of intergovernmental transfers can be confirmed, a Notice of Intent to Transfer must be submitted by December 3, 2018, to document the expected method of transfer.

The interim DSH payment to governmental hospitals will be issued by EFT. Confirmation of the hospital's banking information was requested under separate cover on November 21, 2018. The bank routing number and bank account number to be used for the deposit of your interim DSH payment should be emailed to Annetta Smith. If we do not receive the banking information by December 3, 2018, your interim DSH payment will be delayed. Additionally, if there has been any change to your facility's banking information, please complete a vendor management form and forward information by December 3, 2018, to:

Ms. Lavada Zahir
Accounts Payable Manager
Lavada.zahir@dch.ga.gov

Also attached is an updated Letter of Agreement form. Before any DSH payments can be made, an updated agreement from each provider must be signed and submitted to the Department. Please review, sign and submit the letter of agreement by December 3, 2018, to:

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If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annetta Smith at (404) 463-6669.